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Valley of the Moon Amateur Radio Club WIRELESS



**FOR ALL YOU KIDS WHO DON'T KNOW WHAT
REAL RADIOS LOOK LIKE!**

**FROM THE TOP: Happy St.
Patricks Day**

**The March 21 meeting will
be in McDougal Hall at SDC.**
This month we will be finalizing
details of the Hamfest. A brief
demonstration of IRLP/Echolink

will be made after the business portion of the meeting.

I contacted Past President, Dan, KG6LJN, using the 146.790 repeater in Santa Rosa and connecting to IRLP node 5980 in Hattiesburg Mississippi. The repeater in Mississippi belongs to AA5SG and can also be reached on Echolink Node 1545. It worked great, but there is a little delay. I kept thinking that we lost the connection, but a second later Dan would come back. You can reach any repeater in the world that is connected to the IRLP or Echolink system. A good website to visit for information on IRLP is at <http://www.irlp.net/>. Echolink information can be found at <http://www.echolink.org>. The Silverado Amateur Radio Society in Napa has a good repeater system hooked to Echolink and information can be found on their website at <http://www.napasars.org/>.

The Hamfest is just around the corner. There are always interesting things going on with the breakfast and swap meet and radio demonstrations, so I hope everyone has plans to stop by on April 28 and lend a hand.

The Sonoma Sheriff's Baker to Vegas Team will not be participating in the race this year. Without enough runners and volunteers to staff the event, it would have been too difficult to put together a fun program. The Fremont Radio group is still looking for more

help for this event. Anyone who would like to go to Las Vegas should let me know and I will get you in contact with them.

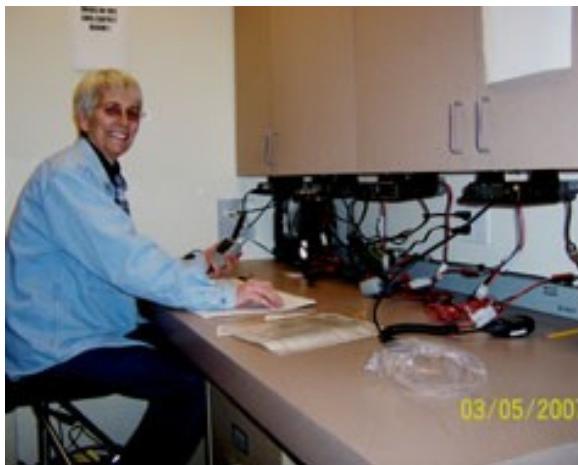
Tom, Eileen and I met with the Supervising Ranger of the Vallejo House in Sonoma about the possibility of having Field Day there this year. After reviewing the amount of equipment the club sets up for the Field Day Event, we determined that it is not possible to fit the operation in the parking area we were allowed to use without adversely impacting the other park users. This is not what we had intended and would not present amateur radio in a positive way to the Park Service or the Public. I would like to thank Tom for his efforts and hope that we can keep looking for other potential Field Day locations. It might be possible to have a Special Events Station at the Vallejo House to commemorate a Historic Event sometime in the future.

We decided at the February meeting to contact the County Parks Department to see if we can have Field Day at Maxwell Park again this year.

We still need net control stations for the VOMARC (May, Jul, Aug, Sept and Dec.) and ACS (Jul, Aug, Sept, and Dec.) nets. Let me know if you are interested.

Hope to hear you on the air and see you at the meeting.

73, Dave, KD6FIL



NEW EOC IN OPERATION.

As of March 3rd, the new EOC located at the fire station on 2nd street is operation. The radios were installed by Ken, N6KN, and Jim, K6UUW. The antennas were done by Randy, AA6GV.

2007 VOMARC VE SCHEDULE

April 28
August 25
December 1

As I have done in the past I will send out a request for who will be available for these dates approximately 2 - 3 weeks ahead of each date.

Joel Nadler, NN6J
VOMARC VE Coordinator

VOMARC MEETING MINUTES FEBRUARY 21, 2007

In Attendance: Dave, KD6FIL; Tom, KG6QJQ; Jan, K9OOU; John, W6TWQ; Jim, K6UUW; Eileen, KG6QNT; Sanford, N7PIB; Ed

W1EJ; Joel, NN6J; John, KD6KVZ; Ed, KA6OFR; Whit, KG6UYQ; Mike, WB6TMH; Alan, K6KLL; Dave, N6DSW; Tom Garske, Guest

Meeting was called to order at 7:40 PM.

Minutes from January meeting approved with a correction that the Baker to Vegas Race is on April 21, not January 21.

Treasurer's report: Not present, but we still have money in the bank.

ACS Report: The antennas and power strip have been installed at the Fire Station. The radios need to be installed.

AMGEN Bicycle Race was held Feb. 19 in Santa Rosa and Al, N1AL, put together a team of radio amateurs to help out. This was an ACS event and went very well. Jim, Dave and Rachel were there.

Joint Drill with South County is in the planning stages. It will involve use of GPS and message handling.

VE Report: There was a test session on January 27. 6 people attended and all advanced. One person came up from Santa Cruz to take the Extra Exam. Joel indicated that a room had not been reserved for the session. A Motion was made and approved that VOMARC send a thank you card and a box of candy to Nancy at SDC. The next VE session is at the Hamfest on April 28.

Baker to Vegas Report: The Sheriff's Dept is not sure they are going. They are having problems finding runners and donations. They will decide by March 4 whether to go or not. More news to follow.

Field Day: Tom, Eileen and Dave met with Rangers at the Vallejo House. There is does enough room to set up all our antennas and equipment at the Park. A MOTION was made and approved to have Field Day at Maxwell Park again this year.

Other news: Alan, K6KLL received some 7.2 amp hour batteries and donated them to the club. There is one left and we are requesting a \$5 donation. Let Dave know if you are interested.

The meeting adjourned at 8:05 PM.

Alan, K6KLL and Sanford, N7PIB gave a talk on County Hunting and all the awards that are available.



WHO IS THIS VOMARC MEMBER???

(Answer in the next issue!)

FOR SALE:

HF equipment:

All items believed to be in good working condition.

Kenwood TS 140S HF transceiver-\$350

MFJ 962C Versa Tuner III. 1.5 kW antenna tuner

Heathkit SB200 linear amplifier - \$200

Johnson Viking kW Match Box - \$200

Kenwood PS 430 power supply
MFJ 422-B electronic keyer paddle

Ham Keyer HK5A keyer

VHF/UHF equipment, near new condition

Both items barely used.

Astron RS 20A power supply.

Kenwood TM 742A tribander 2M/440/1.2 with tower antenna and mag-mount.

Eran, KD6KVO, 996-8933,
glago@comcast.net

Kantronics All Mode

Communicator, a TNC that will do Morse (CW), RTTY, ASCII, AMTOR and Packet on HF and Packet on VHF/UHF. With manual and in good working order. \$50.00

32 foot crank-up mast and base by Triasto. Will support tri-band antenna easily. \$100.00. Base needs some repair.

VOMARC c/o Ken McTaggart
N6KM 938-2626,
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Receipt of the Wireless is one of the most sought after benefits of membership in VOMARC.

CLUB MEETINGS are held on the third Wednesday of each month at McDougal Hall at the Sonoma Developmental Center, Eldridge. Meetings start at 19:30 local (7:30 P.M.).

WEB PAGE:
<http://www.vomarc.org/>

Nets are held every Wednesday night at 19:30 (7:30 P.M.) local, except meeting nights on the 145.350 repeater, -600 kHz, PL 88.5 Hz.

ACS holds a net each Monday evening at 19:30 local on the 146.205, +600, PL 88.5 Hz repeater.

PACKET STATION INFO: The VOMARC packet station is off the air until the Sonoma Police station renovation is completed.

CLUB BREAKFASTS are held on the first Saturday of each month at Issa's Restaurant, 18999 Sonoma Highway, Sonoma. The fun starts at 09:30 local.

Comments and submissions of material may be sent to:
wd6bor@vom.com

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**NOTICE!!! THE NEXT VOMARC MEETING IS ON
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 21, AT 7:30 P.M. AT MCDOUGAL
HALL AT SONOMA DEVELOPMENTAL CENTER
CU THERE!**

VOMARC MEMBERSHIP

VOMARC 2007 Membership Dues: \$15/year individual; \$5/year family member.

VOMARC encourages its members to join the ARRL. More information is available at www.arrl.org.

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Membership Moment, From the Database Queen

Please check the mailing label on this newsletter. It tells you when your VOMARC dues are due. Dues may be mailed to Ken N6KM, 402 Fourth Street East, Sonoma, CA 95476, or brought to the next meeting. If there is any mistake, please do not shoot the messenger; email Eileen KG6QNT at Eileen@vom.com. Your check should be made payable to: **VOMARC**